

SENATE BILL 1199

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 70,
Chapter 2, relative to licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-107, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a)

(1) All annual licenses and permits required under this title and any other law relating to wildlife are dated the true date of issue and expire three hundred sixty-five (365) days following the date of issue. The commission may promulgate rules to determine dates for the purposes of calculating license years.

(2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a)(1), the fish and wildlife commission may promulgate rules to abolish license years and establish an annual license system.

(b) In addition to the annual licenses authorized by subsection (a), the agency may issue a hunting, fishing, or trapping license for periods exceeding one (1) year.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-201(a)-(c), is amended by deleting the subsections.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-201(g)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-205(c), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-206(c), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-208(b), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-215(b), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-219(a) and (d), is amended by deleting the subsections.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-220, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

A person, firm, or corporation, before engaging in the business of culturing pearls in the public waters, shall first obtain an annual license from the wildlife resources agency. A nonresident license shall not be granted if the state or country of the nonresident prohibits residents of Tennessee from engaging in the business of culturing pearls in that state or country. The business must be conducted in accordance with rules promulgated by the fish and wildlife commission. The executive director shall appoint a committee of five (5) persons to assist the executive director in the initial drafting of the rules. Those persons include:

- (1) The executive director or the executive director's designee;
- (2) The chief of fisheries;
- (3) A fisheries biologist; and
- (4) Two (2) industry representatives in the initial drafting of the rules.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-2-221(c), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION 11. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.